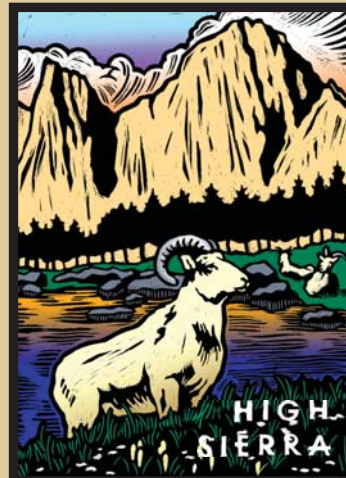
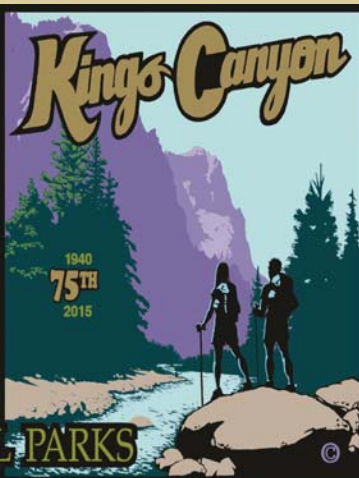


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Celebrations and challenges

A fiery summer has influenced our anniversary celebrations this year, but the meaning of this special time has not been diminished:

- Sequoia National Park marks 125 years of protecting this landscape and the people who love it.
- The small, exquisite General Grant Grove National Park also became a park in 1890, just two weeks after Sequoia did.
- Fifty years later, Congress designated Kings Canyon National Park and swept Grant Grove into an expansive wilderness park of Sierran peaks and canyons. It's been 75 years since then.

In all the years since, these parks have dazzled generations of us with their beauty and challenges. They've taught us to look closer, think bigger, and respect even the toughest aspects of Nature's nature.

As you help the parks to celebrate, please help to face two of nature's challenges that have become acute — drought and fire:

- Be aware that a tossed match, campfire sparks, a hot muffler, or overheated brakes can easily start a fire. Please make every effort to keep that from happening.
- Because campfire restrictions serve to protect this forest, explore other ways to share meals and time with friends and family in the serenity of this place (see back page).
- Conserve water in the parks and beyond. The more we save, the more goes to the life around us, and the longer we can enjoy park facilities that have limited water sources.
- As you hear about the fires in the area, learn about the way that fire works in these ecosystems. Ask about how our fire management

**Saturday,
September 26**
*Join in special activities
all day to celebrate the
125th anniversary of
Sequoia National Park
and the 75th anniversary of
Kings Canyon National Park.
Check locally for schedules.*

program works with fire when it is helpful, and fights it hard when it is not. Learn about how life will return to the burned areas, some quickly and some over time. We hope that you can visit again often to see the changes over time.

Embrace the celebrations *and* challenges! Enjoy the fascinating interplay of nature and history in the wildlands of these great parks.

*See page 7 for information
about the Rough Fire.*

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